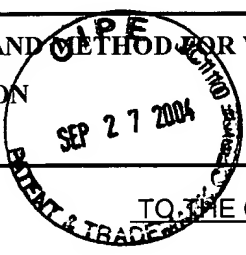
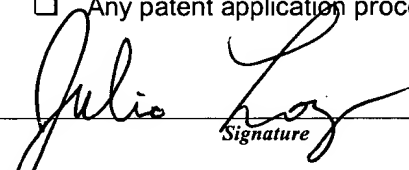



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| Invention: A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR VERIFYING SETTLING, PRINTING AND GUARANTEEING CHECKS AT A REMOTE LOCATION | | | | | |
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| Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. | | | | | |
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action, mailed September 9, 2004, Applicants submit the following claims. Please amend the above-identified application for patent as follows.

Claims 1, 11, 12, and 16 have been amended. Claims 1, 3-7, 12, and 14-22 remain pending in the application.